



No matter how
long the winter,
spring is sure to
follow.



News for Neighbors

Our Commitment

We have continued to be a presence in many lives, truly making a difference. We partner with people, bringing hope and peace. This year, more than any other year, we have felt a sense of God's presence as we have befriended, encouraged, supported, and provided goods and services to make many lives better and bring joy in the sad world of this pandemic when domestic violence, depression, job losses, cutbacks of hours, illness and death have been a reality for many. *God has brought us to this place for such a time as this, and we have been faithful and faith-filled.*

All on the executive board provide the wind beneath all our collective wings, and we are not effective without your help. Your prayers, your encouragement, and your help are truly appreciated and necessary.

BE WELL & BE SAFE, EVERYONE! CALL US IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

Reaching Goals

- ◆ **WE NEED AN OFFICE; without it, we cannot continue.**
- ◆ **GRANT WRITERS, will you help?**

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Special Points of Interest

Totals of checks distributed-
January—2; February—8;
March—7; April—7; May—
10; June—7; July—14;
August—22; September—
25; October—33;
November—11;
December—30!

Financial assistance for the year amounted to \$27,854.21 while last year's total was around \$18,500. This represents about a 66% increase!

Goals, cont.

We believe and have experienced the joys of working together in harmony, unity, peace, and joy with those who are different, those who have needs but who can teach us much about how to live without complaining, whining, resentment, and anger. In their words, they stay “prayed up”, thanking God for what they have with the anticipation that God will continue to provide even in the lowest moments of their lives. We are walking in God’s light and bringing joy and hope in a world that has been darkened for some

Special Supporters

Hopewell United Methodist

Pathfinders Christian Church

Lake Oconee Church

Hope Lutheran Church

100 Women Who Care

Rae and Arn Wade

Dotty Kres

Nancy Hodge

Jim Winchester

William Mosley

Donna Gautier

Lynn Campbell

John and Faye Leslie

Mollie and Ike Thomas

Joe and Jane Mangum

Mary DeVries

Margaret Chambliss

Greg Tyson and Georgia Power

Joel Burns, Burns & Burns, PC

Cooperative Outreach Efforts

Words cannot express our appreciation for those who share financially and with donations. We are indebted to our FAITHFUL, HARDWORKING helpers – **Gary Swinger, Larry Houston, and Tim Connors**, a very special young graduate student at Georgia College, who pick up and deliver donations.

In addition, **Deb Carlyle**, throughout the summer, picked up and delivered at least 8 boxes of food to our clients through Farm to Table Project sponsored by the

school system. Louise delivered five boxes, too, each week.

Robyn Simpson and her daughter, **Landry**, a college student studying Public Health, volunteered many hours working in our storage facility unboxing, organizing, and preparing boxes to be delivered, as well. **Patti Watson and Donna Gautier** have provided untold HOURS sorting and labeling linens, so we can distribute them more quickly.

We desperately need strong people with trucks!

There is no one you cannot love, when once you've heard their story. Fred Rogers

Assistance Statistics

Last year, we donated approximately \$18,500 to our clients to pay utility bills, rent/mortgage, car payments and/or insurance, motel bills, food cards or grocery bills, etc. Survival needs are increasing! The lack of adequate housing is a CRISIS in our community.

In only seven months of this year, we have shared over \$16,000 with our clients in distress through utility bills, rent, water, motel fees, food, doctor visits and pharmacy needs, as well as clothing, shoes, coats, and a myriad of household furniture, linens, kitchen and bath items, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and home décor, toys, etc.

During this worldwide pandemic, picking up and delivering items donated for our clients has been particularly demanding, yet we continue to strive for more help as we work efficiently and safely.

We were able to provide Christmas joy to two families who represent the growing numbers of single moms who face unprecedented challenges because of the virus.

As we have assisted many families with necessities for living healthy, safe lives, we have recruited their help in helping others. We always need people with trucks who will help us deliver necessities to our clients.

Join us as partners for peace and joy, bringing light in dark places. Only through strong bonds of partnership with all people can all be the best we can be.